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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information 25X1

1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Altenburg airfield between 4 August and 10 September 1954: 25X1

4 August. Beginning at 0645, 6 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s practiced individual flying and formation flying in elements of two. 25X1

6 August. At 0930, 4 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off individually and subsequently practiced flying in one formation.

24 and 25 August. Single-engine monoplanes practiced individual flying and flying in formations of two. 25X1

26 August. At 1310, 4 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off at intervals of 4 minutes in addition to a single-engine monoplane. At 1325, four elements of two and 2 individual MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were seen flying at an altitude of about 4,000 meters. Vapor trails were visible. 25X1

30 to 31 August. On several days at about 1930, a siren was heard for half minute and subsequently aircraft took off. It appeared that a practice alert was given for the alert flight. 25X1

8 September. At 1300, 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s descended from a very high altitude to about 500 meters, made a local flight and subsequently landed. 25X1

10 September. Between 1830 and 1900, 6 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s which had taken off in rapid succession practiced flying with set position lights.[1]

2. Trucks were identified at the field.

3. Between 2200 and midnight on 16 and 17 August, 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s practiced flying. While crossing over the field, the aircraft flew in the beams of three searchlights. Between 1500 and 1750 on 27 August, MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off individually and in elements of two and practiced flying in formations of three and four. At 2240, the alert flight took off for a 10-minute flight. Twenty-nine MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were counted at the field. Between 2200 and midnight on 29 August and 10 September, MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s practiced flying as on 16 and 17

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August.

4. The AA gun emplacement at the eastern edge of the field south of the hangars was still occupied by 6 x 37-mm AA guns.[2]

5. On 3 September, 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s and 2 single-engine monoplanes practiced flying.

6. Trucks were identified at the field. 25X1

Comment. Altenburg airfield is believed to be occupied by two fighter regiments. Training activities observed were normal. Practice alerts as described in the present report were also observed at other airfields. 25X1

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Comment. This AA gun emplacement was reported previously. 25X1

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